

HONORING MR. RAY L. PERETTI
OF KENT, WASHINGTON

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight and commend the service of Ray L. Peretti of the Ninth Congressional District of Washington, for his service to his community and the Nation as a member of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents.

Mr. Peretti recently completed his term as the president of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents, and has also served in many positions of responsibility in the association. Mr. Peretti has been a member of the board of directors of PIA National since 1995. He was also a member of the board of directors of PIA of Washington/Alaska, which is now part of the PIA Western Alliance, serving as vice president, president-elect and president and on various committees.

Mr. Peretti has served on the State of Washington Property and Casualty Advisory Committee. He was named Agent of the Year by PIA of Washington/Alaska in 1995, received the Hartford/Jonathan Trumbull Council's Chairman's Award. Mr. Peretti was also honored by the Insurance Fire Mark Society of the Pacific Northwest with its Presidential Award, and is the recipient of a public relations award from the Insurance Women of South King County.

Active in his community, Mr. Peretti is the owner of the Hub Insurance Agency of Renton, Washington. A lifelong member of the Renton Lions Club, he is also a member of the Renton Chamber of Commerce, serving 6 years as a member of its board of directors, and has been a member of the Renton Arts Commission and the Renton Ethics Board.

As a professional insurance agent, Mr. Peretti's dedication to the highest standards of his profession has earned him the respect of his friends, associates, business colleagues and of the insurance industry as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to rise today to recognize the good work that Ray L. Peretti has done throughout his career as a member of the insurance community, and to again congratulate him on the completion of his term as the president of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents.

TRIBUTE TO M. KRISHNAN AND M.
MURALI

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I wish to formally congratulate M. Krishnan and M. Murali for earning the title of Best Businesspersons of the Year and for their receipt of the Fetna Award of Excellence for 2006. This recognition is the culmination of the contributions that these two brothers have made in the Indian and larger communities.

The two businessmen established Sri Krishna Sweets as the premier purveyor of fin-

est sweets in India. While maintaining uncompromising principles and ethical values, they have applied the highest standards of excellence in areas ranging from purchase to fresh delivery of products to creating a new generation of satisfied customers all of the time.

Outside of the business world, they have been well known in their local community for the initiation of community service projects in India, most notably among them being posting of life guards in Chennai beaches, restoration of water bodies, preservation and promotion of art and culture and addressing environmental issues. As an advocate for environmental consciousness and a big admirer of Indian art and culture, I applaud their commitment. Their corporate social responsibility is worthy of emulation by Indian and American companies.

Sri Krishna Sweets began as a single store in 1948 and it has become the leading retailer of specialty sweets in India with over 54 branches across the country. As Sri Krishna Sweets plans to expand its enterprise to the United States, the company will foster a stronger relationship and bring about a better understanding and cooperation between the U.S. and India.

I look forward to seeing Sri Krishna Sweets outlets opening in the US. Again, I commend Krishana and Murali for their notable efforts.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI MOSHE AND
LOIS ROTHBLUM

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rabbi Moshe and Lois Rothblum, a dynamic couple that has been involved in the Adat Ari El synagogue community for 35 years. Rabbi Rothblum is celebrating his retirement, and Lois Rothblum is receiving the Adat Ari El Humanitarian Award.

Rabbi Rothblum has long been a part of the Los Angeles community. He attended Fairfax High School and Los Angeles Hebrew High and graduated from UCLA. His parents instilled in him a love of music and musical theater, evident in his role as a counselor and music specialist at Camp Ramah. He went on to direct musical theater at Adat Ari El during his tenure as Rabbi, and his musical compositions for Shabbat and other occasions are still sung in synagogues all over the world. After his retirement, he will continue to stay involved in youth musical theater.

Moshe's love of music is only one of many amazing facets of his personality that he has showcased as Rabbi. He has been an eloquent advocate for Israel in the Jewish community and the larger southern California community. He is a quiet champion of social justice. He met with the late Cesar Chavez to discuss the plight of migrant farm workers. He broke precedent with the Conservative Jewish movement when, in 1985, he appointed Rabbi Leslie Alexander, the first woman to serve a large Conservative congregation. Rabbi Rothblum also met the late Pope John Paul II during his time as president of the Southern California Board of Rabbis. He is a renowned spiritual leader who has touched many lives.

Lois Rothblum is receiving the Adat Ari El Humanitarian Award. She attended New York

University and Columbia University Teachers College. Lois was a religious school teacher for 9 years, and her passion and dedication caused her to become a leading Jewish educator. She currently serves as director of teacher education at the Fingerhut School of Education, University of Judaism.

Rabbi Moshe and Lois Rothblum have made lasting impressions on the Adat Ari El community, as well as the larger Los Angeles community. I am proud to call them friends and proud to be a member of their congregation. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting and honoring Moshe and Lois for all that they have achieved.

THANKING PUBLIC-SPIRITED EMPLOYEES AT GEOEYE IN COLORADO

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge the assistance of several public-spirited individuals working at GeoEye, the world's largest commercial satellite imagery company.

GeoEye, which acquired another company, Space Imaging, earlier this year, now operates a constellation of three Earth imaging satellites—Orb View-2, Orb View-3 and IKONOS—that contribute to an international network of more than a dozen regional ground stations, an image archive, and advanced geospatial imagery processing capabilities that are among the best in the world.

GeoEye has a strong presence in Colorado's 2nd Congressional District and recently demonstrated the value of their corporate presence in our state.

Last month, the Boulder County Sheriff and others responded to a report that a young Marine was missing after a fall in Eldorado Canyon State Park. This search effort involved hundreds of volunteers and a significant number of law enforcement officials, and of course the missing Marine's parents were deeply concerned about their son's disappearance, and conventional search methods were proving to be ineffective.

As the search was underway, my office was asked to contact GeoEye to see if they might be able to provide imaging data that could be used to find him.

Within moments of my request, GeoEye was offering up satellite imaging of the Eldorado Springs area and other forms of assistance to the Boulder County Sheriff's Department and to the Marine's family. No questions asked. No request for payment in return for services rendered; just a neighborly helping hand.

I want to express my deep public appreciation for the employees at GeoEye, who were quick to offer the company's assistance and who demonstrated a true sense of community spirit in a difficult situation.

While the law says "corporations" are also "persons," I think it is noteworthy when a company responds to a crisis in the way ordinary citizens do. After all, companies are organized—and properly so—for financial profit and economic benefit. We don't expect corporations, particularly large ones, to exhibit the